

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that the Examiner neither accepted nor objected to the drawings in the first Office Action. It appears that the lack of acceptance or objection is merely an oversight. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept the drawings as filed.

In the Office Action dated January 4, 2005, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, in an effort to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended the title to "Methods And Devices For Providing Bias To A Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit." Therefore, Applicant requests that this objection to the title be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 1. Claims 2-10 (the remaining claims) stand allowed.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by admitted prior art. The Examiner stated that admitted prior art in figure 2 "discloses a bond wire (220) having one end connecting to *a matching structure (210)*." (emphasis added.) Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in conducting a telephonic Examiner interview on March 28, 2005. In that interview, Applicant pointed out that Figure 2 discloses a bond wire (220) with one end connected to *DC bias circuitry 210*, **not** to a matching structure. In the specification, at paragraph 7, that which is identified in Figure 2 by reference number 210 is "DC bias circuitry 210."

By way of example, Applicant contrasted the DC bias circuitry (210) with the matching structure shown in Figure 4 as 440. See paragraph 25 of the specification. Exemplary matching structures are also pointed out in Figure 1 at reference number 140. Throughout the specification, that which is identified by reference number 140 is identified as a matching structure or a combining structure. See, e.g. Specification, ¶6. Similarly, Figure 5 shows a bond wire 502 connected to a landing zone 560 located, for example, on one of those matching structures.

Applicant and Examiner agreed that Figure 2 does not disclose "attaching a first end of a bond wire directly to a matching structure," as recited in claim 1. Thus, Applicant submits that each and every element of claim 1 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by Figure 2. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated, and Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks and amendment to the title, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-10 properly set forth that which Applicant regards as his invention and are allowable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602)382-6367 at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. Applicant authorizes and respectfully requests that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

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